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Spokane's team can make great hits here this week by suffering defeat.

Russians are retreating as rapidly as possible and defying the enemy to come on.

Some Utah Democrats threaten to make a hot campaign this year, but no river need in consequence be afraid of being attacked by flames.

In fighting desperately in a snowstorm the British and Tibetans showed how it is possible to have a hot time under adverse conditions.

Advice to people to defer going to the World's Fair, must be regarded as absurd by St. Louis hotel men, who are all ready to receive guests.

Mr. Roylance would be glad to be advised by his friends as to whether he should be a candidate for Governor, provided they are willing to advise him to run.

There appears to be no way of protecting people living in the vicinity of ball grounds from annoyance by Sunday games, except perhaps by giving them passes.

Democratic aspirants for Judgeships, who want Republican endorsement, might become suddenly converted to Republicanism if assured that it would do any good.

Are the Japanese sure they are managing their war business in the very best way, when their movements are thoroughly approved by the London war experts?

Of course, Judge Powers knew he could not discourage competition for the office of Congressman, when he said one could not afford to take it for \$5000 a year.

It is understood that the Hon. Sam King and the Hon. Sam Thurman are just as much in favor of each other for places on the Democratic State ticket as they ever were.

The Philadelphia mint is a great center of activity at present. It is handling gold by the ton, and minting gold coins by the millions. Twelve tons of gold was melted yesterday, and the activity will no doubt continue until the handlings connected with the Panama canal payment have been completed. It is a great record that is making, and far ahead of anything known heretofore.

Germany conducts her telephone systems as a state enterprise, in connection with her telegraph system. A late report shows that her telephone system has cost sixty million dollars. The longest connection is between Berlin and Paris, 742 miles, the most used long distance line is between Berlin and Frankfurt, 485 messages passing daily. The average communications per day between Berlin and Paris is sixty-five.

The question now being so much debated in the East, "Is money wasted when put into battleships?" is hardly solved in the affirmative by the calamities in the war between Russia and Japan, as many are ready to assume. They point to the destruction of the Russian battleships as conclusive. But why do they not point to the Japanese battleships? Except for them the story might have been different. Certainly, whatever may be Russia's lesson, the money which the Japanese put into battleships has not been sunk.

A considerable set back to the employment of Chinese crews on Pacific steamers was given in the United States Court of Appeals at San Francisco yesterday, in the suits for damage in the Rio de Janeiro wreck. A point in the decision was that the (Chinese) crew of the ship was incompetent because only two of them understood English, and none of the officers was able to speak Chinese. Thus claims for damage were raised from the twenty-four thousand dollars allowed in the lower court, to thirty-five thousand dollars, the incompetence of the Chinese crew being a factor which

made for the increase. It seems like good, wholesome law; the company was obliged to provide every reasonable protection to its passengers; but the employment of a Chinese crew, which could not possibly afford the protection which the passengers were entitled to expect, vitiated this obligation, and the steamer company was additionally liable in consequence. It is a good lesson.

THE WATER PROBLEM SOLVING.

Professor Swendsen, in charge of the Government work on the Utah Lake improvement, has taken advantage of the clearing away of the storms to put his forces in the field for the season's campaign. He has put two parties of surveyors at work, one on the lake and one on the Jordan, and there is no fear but that he will be all ready when the farmers call on the Government to go on with the work. That call will assuredly come, too, for every interest but one is heartily in favor of it, and that one will come to time when it sees that it is getting left in the lurch, and will have more to lose by staying out than by going in.

The Utah & Salt Lake Canal company, at its meeting on Saturday, voted with enthusiastic unanimity to ask the Government to go on with the work of improving Utah Lake reservoir according to the plans of its engineers. The company agreed to secure the Government by mortgage on its property, for the return of the money expended, this reimbursement to be made, as required by law, in ten equal installments, without interest, after the improvements have been completed.

It is a most favorable proposition, one which will redound to the utmost advantage of the public, and to the personal interest of every water-user as well. It would have been a good thing if there could have been somewhat more celerity of action among the farmers in this valley on this question; but it took a good while to have the matter thoroughly understood, and the time thus lost and to be lost will probably delay by a year the final completion of the work.

THE CONTROL OF THE PARTY.

Some of the Democratic newspapers of the country, notably in the South, are calling upon Mr. Bryan to stop his opposition to the reorganizers, and come to the support of Parker. This is urged for the reason as stated, that Bryan and those of his way of thinking "must see that they have lost control of the party."

But that is the very core of the whole matter. Mr. Bryan and his friends do not see that they have lost control of the party. On the contrary, they consider that they retain the control, and that they have at least a fighting chance to win at the coming National convention. And it is certainly true that they have this fact in their favor. The latest National declaration of the Democratic party is the Bryan declaration; the principles of Democracy that are now in force are the Bryan principles.

The reorganizers are the fellows on the outside; they are fighting to get in. Bryan and his followers occupy the citadel; they are the "ins." To call upon them to vacate and give up the citadel merely because they have been threatened, and before they have suffered a defeat, is an extravagant demand. It is not to be entertained for a moment. The call on Bryan to surrender is not in order until he has been beaten.

A FRIENDLY COMMISSION.

It has been so often stated that the Mosely Commission, which came over last year to look into the public school system in this country, condemned the employment of women teachers, and held that their influence upon boys over twelve years of age was to make them effeminate, that it will probably be useless to combat the story. But the fact is that this opinion was not that of the commission as a body, but only of one or two members of it, whose individual report is taken as being the opinion of the commission as a whole.

The opinion of the commission of the American public schools was of the most appreciative and flattering character; nothing could be further from the truth than to represent it as criticizing harshly any part of the school system or the results achieved by it. On the contrary, the American schools were given the credit for the development of individuality, enterprise and the spirit which has made Americans the conquerors in all fields of applied ingenuity and mechanics; and in their commercial triumphs, which have been at once the terror and the admiration of the world.

The cutting of the Daily West dividend to forty cents a month, instead of the sixty-five cents which that company has been paying, has been pretty well discounted by "the street." It is probable that the cut will stiffen the price of the stock rather than further depress it, for it was the uncertainty that was damaging. The mine is represented by all who know of its condition, to be in excellent shape, with abundant ore reserves.

Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader in the German Reichstag, must be a very troublesome thorn in the side of the ministry, and of the court. His criticisms of the Emperor are appallingly free for that country, and his taunts about the would-be friendliness for Russia are very bitter to take. Herr Bebel sees no reason why Germany should sympathize with Russia; on the contrary, he sees that it is the interest of his country to hope for Japanese

success, so as to curb Russia's power to meddle in the affairs of Western Europe. In all this, as well as in his criticisms of German mismanagement in Western Africa, Herr Bebel shows himself to be possessed of a level, sound head piece.

NEW STEAMSHIP CONSTRUCTION.

From time to time there have been progressive steps in the building of the modern steamship. From the little side-wheeler that was the first ocean conqueror to the magnificent liner of today is a tremendous rise; but that rise has not been made at one jump; it has been a series of gradual gains, a little detail here, another there, with an occasional epoch-making gain, as in the adoption of the compound marine engine.

Another long gain of like importance seems now imminent, in the new construction which the Cunard company is about to make under its richly subsidized contract with the British Government, which will consist in the use of the turbine engine. Two great steamers are to be built, and the power to drive each of them can be pushed to seventy-five thousand horse power. These engines have been adopted after thorough practical tests, and though conservative engineers profess fear that a mistake may be made in their adoption, those in charge of the steamship company's interests have no fear of the result.

The new ships—there are to be two of them—will be each eight hundred feet long, with eighty-five feet beam, a minimum draft of between thirty-three and thirty-four feet, and will have a displacement of forty thousand tons. The largest of the liners at present is the Celtic, seven hundred feet long, with a tonnage of twenty thousand measurement. The Kaiser Wilhelm II. is seven hundred and seven feet long, with a tonnage of nineteen thousand five hundred, and forty thousand horse power.

Thus, the new Cunarders will be so far ahead of anything now afloat that their success, of which no doubt is expressed, will make a new era in steamship building. These great steamers are expected to develop a speed of twenty-five knots an hour on speed trials, and a sustained speed of twenty-four and a half knots. Of course, if expectations are realized, these ships will eclipse all records in ocean-crossing; they will make the passage in five days, and it is even hoped, somewhat less.

MITCHELL'S RETROGRESSION.

It is certainly a great surprise to see John Mitchell, president of the coal miners' union, declare himself in favor of strikes and lock-outs. It is quite true that under the present industrial conditions, neither side can be deprived of this "right," but it had been supposed that he with others vitally interested in labor questions, desired a change of conditions, whereby these barbarous and questionable "remedies" would be relegated to disuse as relics of an unenlightened age, no longer fit for the serious consideration of men of intelligence.

Such waste of energy as is involved in these wars between capital and labor are surely not to be considered as the best solutions of disputes between men who live in an advanced age, when every energy should be made to count for good, and every strife should be for building up and not for tearing down. It is not only a surprise, it is a great disappointment to see a man who a year ago was the most powerful advocate among the labor champions for peaceful methods of settlement of all difficulties come out now in favor of the most barbarous methods. It shows retrogression, and it is a bad omen for labor.

The word given out by the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, that the coal strike in southern Colorado will be settled by June 1st, is probably authentic. It is also most welcome, and not alone for Colorado. For with the settlement of that strike will also come the calling off of the strike in all of District No. 15, which includes Utah. It may be as the coal company officials say, that the strike amounts to nothing any more in this State; but it will certainly be pleasant when the strikers are no longer hanging around, a bone of contention, and a cause of lawlessness in others if they do not commit any lawless acts themselves.

Doubtless the ancient seal of China, which was offered for sale in San Francisco, was part of the loot which came from the invasion of the "forbidden city" in the occupation of Peking by the allies in 1901. This old seal is said to be of gold, and intrinsically worth five thousand dollars. But its value is enormously greater than that, as a relic, and it is not surprising to hear that the Chinese Consul-General has guaranteed to pay double that price for it. But is there not a better way to restore it? Cannot the looter who took it be found, and its restoration compelled?

AN ISTHMIAN PUZZLE.

From the New York Press.
The Panama canal commissioners are now asking pertinent questions concerning the most important project before the civilized world. Here is a poser for all Americans who have not heard it before: "How far east of the city of Panama, on the Pacific, is the city of Colon, on the Caribbean?" The usual answer is, "About forty miles," or the length of the canal, which is just forty-two miles wrong, Colon being two miles west of Panama instead of forty miles east. Question No. 2: "What is the general direction of the canal?" The answer will be, "East and west," which is precisely wrong, as it is north and south.

OUR ARTLESS AGE.

From the New York Tribune.

The sacred scarab, little Egyptian charms, are manufactured by a Connecticut firm. They are carved and chipped by machinery, colored in bulk made to simulate age, and shipped in cases to the Moslem dealers at Cairo. The Arabian guides are the chief buyers, many of them being adepts at "salting" the sands at the base of the pyramids, or about the sacred temples, where they artfully discover these scarabs before the very eyes of the Yankee tourist and sell him for an American dollar an article manufactured at a cost of less than a cent perhaps within a stone's throw of his own home.

HORSES AND PROFANITY.

From Country Life in America.

An owner of race horses, not at all a sentimental person, recently made an order forbidding his employees to talk in loud tones or to swear in the stable. "I have never yet seen a good-managed horse," he says, "that was being swung at all the time. It hurts the feelings of a sensitive horse, and I'll keep my word good to discharge any man in my employ if I catch him swearing within the hearing of any horse in this stable."

PERSONAL MENTION.

William Canon of Edwardsville, Ill., 75 years old, drove thirty miles to wed Mrs. Susan Piper, aged 68. The blushing bride brought her spouse thirteen children.

Wyman Davis of Bremen, Ga., is 109 years old and still strong and hearty. He attributes his longevity and good health to the fact that he has always lived in a cabin with a dirt floor, kept moist by frequent sprinkling.

Miss Inez Callamore, a handsome San Francisco girl of 24, after repeated refusals, was given permission to descend in eight fathoms of water off the Golden Gate for the purpose of examining the hull of a sunken vessel. Four men divers had been there before her, but she accomplished more than all of them put together. Miss Callamore's father has been a diver on the Pacific coast for many years.

An ancestor of Tolstoy, the Russian author, was an army officer and very clever as an imitator. One day he was mimicking the Emperor Paul to a group of his friends when Paul himself entered and for some moments looked on unperceived at the antics of the young man. Tolstoy finally turned and beholding the Emperor, he bowed his head and was silent. "Go on, sir," said Paul. "Continue your performance." The young man hesitated a moment and then, folding his arms and reproducing every gesture and intonation of his sovereign, he said: "Tolstoy you deserve to be degraded, but I remember the thoughtfulness of youth, and you are pardoned." The czar smiled slightly at this speech. "Well, be it so," he said.

SPEICE.

Wig—I am satisfied that retribution will some day overtake the coal man.
Wags—Yes, his scales are now lying in weight for him.

Barber Shop Motto—"He that shall endure unto the end shall be shaved."—Cornell Widow.

"Hi, there!" said Joseph to his brothers. "What kind of a game are you playing on me?"

"Pit," they cried, as they pushed him over the edge—Harvard Lampoon.

"Of course," said the sarcastic man, "you always do your wife's bidding."
"Gracious, no," replied Henpeck, "she wouldn't let me. When she gets to an auction sale she never takes me with her."—Philadelphia Press.

"Bippling, how did you ever happen to become a street preacher?"
"It was this way, brother: When I reformed and joined the church I was a quiverer of a West of course. I wasn't of any account as a mule driver after that, and I had to go at something."—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Grammercy—When did the house party break up?
Mrs. Park—When the hostess had won all the money from her guests at bridge.—Town Topics.

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